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# CROSS RIVER STATE

## **VISION STATEMENT**

To become a leading Nigerian State with prosperous, healthy and well educated citizens; living in harmony with people and nature, and pursuing legitimate interest in freedom moderated by good governance.

## **MINISTERIAL MANDATE**

To project and protect the image of Government and act as Chief Image Maker/Spokesman for the State as well as supervision of the State Media Organisation.

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To utilize in harmony all apparatus of government media to effectively disseminate information, educate and entertain the public, using the electronic, print media and interpersonal communication channels.

# 2027: Gov Otu Returns Nomination Form, Assures Fairness, Equity

By Kingsley Agim



**C**ross River State governor, Senator Bassey Otu has called on Cross Riverians to embrace unity and a common purpose in order to reposition the state for greater political relevance and sustainable development,

declaring that collective resolve, not division, will determine the future of the state.

Addressing some Cross Riverians and lawmakers in Abuja, shortly after returning his Nomination Form, obtained for him by a group of Cross

Riverians, Governor Otu said Cross River must begin to chart "a proper direction" for its people, noting that the state has the capacity to rise stronger if its political class and citizens close ranks in pursuit of a common vision. "They will actually



election, I believe, like I always say, power comes from God," he stated. "For me, I will do the best for the state in terms of being fair. Nobody should take whatever happens as if it is a personal encroachment."

The governor stressed that his administration would continue to be guided by equity and justice, promising impartiality in governance and

give our people a proper direction to build and follow like other sub-nationals," the governor said.

Speaking on succession politics and power, Otu struck a

philosophical and conciliatory tone, insisting that power and leadership ultimately derive from divine providence and should never become a source of bitterness among political actors. "The issue of



political engagement. "I don't have any enemy. I don't hate anybody," he said. "But there is a need to do what is honest, because it is only that which can stand the test of time."

Governor Otu lamented Cross River's declining political influence at the national level, blaming weak



electoral participation and internal disunity for the state's diminished standing. "It is very true that in this current dispensation, we have lost a lot," he

said. "Why did we? Because we couldn't create the necessary impact that was needed to be put on the ground. Our voting was very poor."



In a frank assessment of the state's political fortunes, he expressed concern that Cross River had, at critical moments, been outperformed by smaller and less formidable political interests because of avoidable divisions at home. "We were defeated by some tiny parties in the field," Otu observed,

warning that endless arguments and factional contests only weaken the state's collective bargaining power. "At any time we go for arguments and so on and so forth, it becomes a problem."

The governor also spoke candidly about what he described as inequitable access to federal opportunities, suggesting that Cross River had not

received its fair share despite expectations. "When positions were shared, we had about 54 positions," I do not think we got half of that. I don't want that kind of thing to reoccur."

According to Otu, exclusion from political participation and appointments often fuels desperation



and unhealthy competition, creating what he described as needless “life-and-death” political struggles. “That actually forms the basis for a lot of people wanting to contest elections,” he noted. “Because if a lot of people were actually engaged through that process, I don’t think we would have the life-and-death situation that we see today.”

Calling for a broader view of

governance, the governor reminded Cross Riverians that political tenure is fleeting and must be used to build enduring institutions and secure the future. “Four years is very short. We have finished one already, and the other one coming will also finish in no time,” he said. “But we believe that in building the future, we have to look at it honestly.”

Urging reconciliation and hope, Governor Otu enjoined citizens across political,

ethnic, and regional lines to unite behind a shared destiny for the state. “Let us all join hands, and together, we will have a better Cross River,” he declared. “I give you my fullest promise: I will continue to work tirelessly to make sure that happens.”

# Hope Rises for Injured UNICROSS Students as Gov Otu Takes Over Treatment

By Kingsley Agim



**H**ope is rising for students of the University of Cross River State injured in a recent auto crash, following the decision of Governor Bassey Otu to take over the full cost of their medical treatment.



The Commissioner for Health, Dr. Henry Egbe Ayuk, made the

disclosure, Wednesday, during a visit to the University of



Calabar Teaching Hospital, where many of the victims are receiving care.

Ayuk said the governor had directed immediate intervention to relieve the affected students and their families of the financial burden, stressing that the government considers the victims a priority.

“We are here on the directive of His

Excellency to ensure that the burden of managing these students is taken over by the government. They are our own, and we owe them that responsibility,” he said.

He explained that beyond financial support, the state government is working closely with hospital authorities to ensure the students receive the best possible care, with the ultimate

goal of seeing them recover quickly and return to their academic pursuits.

The visit included an assessment of the patients’ condition and engagement with hospital management on areas requiring further intervention. Ayuk expressed satisfaction with the progress recorded so far, noting that many



of the students had shown significant improvement.

Also speaking, the Special Adviser to the Governor on General Duties, Barr. Ekpenyong Akiba, who was part of the visiting delegation, commended the hospital for its swift response and quality of care, describing the treatment outcomes as encouraging. He

appealed to students and youths to remain calm and supportive, emphasizing the need to protect public infrastructure.

“Two wrongs don’t make a right. We are trying to improve our health facilities, and destroying them is not the way to go. We must work together to strengthen what we have,” he said.

He further revealed that several of the injured students had already been discharged, while those still on admission were responding well to treatment.

Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee at UCTH, Dr. Innocent Abang, said the hospital mobilised quickly upon receiving the victims, including coordinating with



other facilities to stabilise them.

“Our commitment is to ensure that these students recover fully and are discharged in good condition,” he stated.

On behalf of the students, the President of the National Association of Cross River State Students (NACRISS), UNICROSS Chapter, Joshua Betebeke, expressed

appreciation to the state government and healthcare workers for their timely intervention.

He noted that the visible improvement in the condition of many of the victims had restored confidence among students, adding that there is growing optimism that their colleagues will soon return to school.

Betebeke also expressed regret over the damage to public property

during protests that followed the incident, explaining that the actions were driven by grief.

“It was never our intention to vandalise government property. We appreciate the support shown to our colleagues and remain committed to working with government going forward,” he said.

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4<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

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### RESUMPTION OF PHASE III OF NATIONWIDE CONTINUOUS VOTER REGISTRATION (CVR) EXERCISE

The Commission has approved the resumption of the Phase III of the Continuous Voters Registration (CVR) exercise, which will commence on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, with both online Pre-registration and physical (in-person) registration. This phase will continue with IVED rotation as approved by the Commission in the phase II of the exercise.

2. Please note that the phase III will end on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July, 2026 in line with the approved timeline of the exercise. (Find attached the Timeline for CVR Phase III).
3. Please accept the assurances of the Commission's warm regards as always.

  
Dr. Rose Oriaran-Anthony  
Secretary to the Commission

# Senator Williams Urges Peace in Ugep, Idomi Communities, Says 'No Land Worth Bloodshed'

By Kingsley Agim



The Senator representing Cross River Central Senatorial District, Senator Eteng Jonah Williams, has called for calm and reconciliation between Ugep and Idomi communities in Yakurr Local Government Area, urging residents to embrace peace amid the lingering

land dispute.

In a message addressed to both communities, the lawmaker appealed for restraint, stressing that no disagreement over land should degenerate into violence or destruction.

"I write to you not just as your

Senator, but as a son of this land, deeply concerned about the lingering disagreements between two communities that have, for generations, lived side by side as brothers," he said.

Williams warned that conflict would only worsen the situation, noting

that violence creates lasting damage and setbacks for affected communities.

“No piece of land is worth the loss of lives or destruction of property. War does not solve problems; it only creates deeper wounds and sets us back as a people,” he stated.

He urged residents of both communities to reflect on their shared heritage and longstanding ties, emphasizing unity and peaceful coexistence.

“The Ugep man and the Idomi man are from the same ancestral roots. We are brothers from the same parents, and as brothers, we must resolve our differences

through dialogue, mutual respect and forgiveness,” he added.

The senator also called on traditional rulers and community leaders to intensify efforts toward peacebuilding,



noting that their leadership remains critical at this time.

“I urge our traditional rulers and community leaders to continue leading the peace process with wisdom, courage and sincerity,” he said.

Williams further appealed to residents to support the Cross River State Government and relevant institutions working to mediate in the dispute.

He reassured the communities of his commitment to their wellbeing, stating that peace and stability in the area remain his top priority.

“Your peace is my priority,” he affirmed.

The appeal comes amid renewed efforts by stakeholders to de-escalate tensions and restore lasting peace between the neighbouring communities.

# FG bans 'Dr' prefix for honorary degree holders, flags fraud



The Federal Government on Wednesday banned recipients of honorary degrees from prefixing "Dr" to their names in official, academic, or professional usage.

It declared that the use of the title by such recipients constitutes a

misrepresentation of academic credentials, which will henceforth be treated as academic fraud, with attendant legal and reputational consequences.

The Minister of Education, Tunji Alausa, disclosed this on Wednesday at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, while briefing State House

correspondents on two Federal Executive Council approvals that had not been announced at the last cabinet meeting, which held on April 30.

Alausa, who appeared alongside the Minister of State for Education, Prof Suwaiba Ahmad, said the FEC

approved a uniform policy for the award and use of honorary degrees by Nigerian universities.

The policy, he explained, is designed to end what he described as decades of indiscriminate conferral of degrees for political patronage and financial gain, and to restore public confidence in the integrity of academic titles.

He said, "The recent trend we've seen with the award of honorary degrees has revealed a growing abuse and politicisation of this academic privilege.

"We've seen awards being used for political patronage, for

financial gain, as well as the conferral of awards on serving public officials, which, as part of the ethics of honorary degree awards, should not happen."

Under the new policy, recipients of honorary degrees may no longer put "Dr" before their names.

Instead, they must cite the full honorary designation after their name.

Giving examples, Alausa explained, "For instance, you can use Chief Louis Clark, D.Lit. (Doctor of Literature, Honoris Causa)" or "Mrs Miriam Adamu, LL.D. Hons."

Alausa said this format clearly reflects the honorary rather

than earned academic nature of the award.

"Recipients shall not prefix doctor to their names in official, academic or professional usage," the minister said, adding, "Misrepresentation of honorary degrees as earned academic credentials shall be considered academic fraud and subject to legal and reputational consequences."

The policy also restricts the types of honorary degrees Nigerian universities can confer to four: Doctor of Laws (LL.D), Doctor of Letters (D.Lit), Doctor of Science (D.Sc), and Doctor of Humanities (D.Arts).

# Calabar General Hospital Services Fully Restored — Health Commissioner

By Kingsley Agim



The Cross River State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Henry Egbe Ayuk, has assured members of the public that full medical services have been restored at the General Hospital, Calabar, following disruptions caused by a student protest on Monday.

Dr. Ayuk made the declaration during back-to-back visits to the hospital on Tuesday and Wednesday, where he inspected facilities, assessed patient care, and confirmed that normal hospital operations had resumed.

The visit also focused on the recovery of students

admitted after the Odukpani road auto crash, with the Commissioner touring clinical wards and interacting with medical teams on duty.

He commended health workers for their resilience and professionalism in maintaining service delivery despite the recent



challenges, noting that their commitment ensured continuity of care during the period of tension.

Dr. Ayuk reaffirmed the state government's commitment to uninterrupted and

quality healthcare delivery, stressing that all necessary measures had been taken to restore full



functionality of the hospital.

He also addressed safety concerns raised by staff, engaging security personnel on ground and strengthening measures to ensure a secure working environment for health workers and patients.

Following the assessment, the

Commissioner urged members of the public to return to the facility for medical services, assuring that the hospital is now safe, stable, and fully operational.

“I want to assure the public that services have fully resumed at the General Hospital, Calabar. The environment is safe, calm, and ready to attend to all medical

needs,” he said.

Dr. Ayuk further emphasized that the Ministry of Health is closely monitoring developments to sustain a conducive environment for healthcare delivery and prevent a recurrence of disruptions.



# C'River Gov't Imposes Curfew in Ugep, Idomi Over Land Dispute

By Kingsley Agim



**T**he Cross River State Government has taken swift steps to restore peace and prevent a breakdown of law and order in Ugep and Idomi communities in Yakurr Local Government Area, following renewed tensions over a communal land dispute.

In a press statement issued on 5th May, 2026,

the government announced the imposition of a dusk-to-dawn curfew, restricting movement from 6:00pm to 6:00am daily in and around the affected communities for an initial period of seven days.

The decision, according to the statement signed by the Commissioner for Information, Dr. Erasmus Ekpang, is part of ongoing

efforts to consolidate peace following a high-level meeting convened by the state government.

The peace meeting, held on Monday, 4th May, 2026, was presided over by the Deputy Governor, Rt. Hon. Dr. Peter Odey, and had in attendance officials of the State Boundary Commission, the



Executive Chairman of Yakurr Local Government Area, the Paramount Ruler, clan heads, and key stakeholders from both communities to support security agencies and intensify sensitisation efforts aimed at sustaining peace.

Reaffirming government's position, the statement emphasized that the administration of Governor Senator Bassey Edet Otu remains committed to ensuring a fair, transparent, and lasting resolution of the boundary dispute in the interest of peace and development.

Surveyor-General, and representatives of the warring communities.

As part of the new directive, security agencies, including the Nigeria Police, have been mandated to enforce strict

compliance with the curfew, while ensuring that movement along the Ugep–Ikom Highway remains uninterrupted for essential traffic.

The state government also directed the



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**PRESS STATEMENT**

**UGEP-IDOMI COMMUNAL LAND DISPUTE: CRSG DECLARES 6PM TO 6AM CURFEW**

In furtherance of steps taken by the Government of Cross River State to forestall a total breakdown of law and order in UGEP and IDOMI Communities in Yakurr Local Government Area, His Excellency, the Governor of Cross River State Senator Prince (Dr.) Bassey Edet Otu, PNIPR, hereby imposes a Dusk to Dawn curfew( 6.00pm to 6.00am) daily with effect from Tuesday, 5th May, 2026 in and around the two communities of Ugep and Idomi for the next seven days.

This is a follow up to the implementation of the resolutions of the Peace Meeting held on Monday, 4th May, 2026 , presided over by His Excellency, the Deputy Governor, Rt. Hon. Dr. Peter Odey and attended by the Surveyor General of the State as well as the State Boundary Commission and representatives of the two warring communities.

Accordingly, His Excellency has directed the Nigeria Police and other Security Agencies to ensure strict compliance with the Curfew. They are to also ensure that Vehicular movement on the Ugep-Ikom Highway remains seamless and unhindered.

The Executive Chairman, the Paramount Ruler of Yakurr Local Government Area as well as Clan Heads and key Stakeholders from the two Communities are hereby directed to cooperate with Security Agencies and sensitize the citizenry on the need to maintain peace and order in and around the communities.

The government wishes to reaffirm its commitment to ensuring a fair, transparent and peaceful resolution of the boundary dispute in the overall interest of the State development.

**Erasmus Ekpang** Ph.D., anipr, ftifuh  
Commissioner for Information.

# Cross River Is Reported COVID-19 Free After Successful Containment of Single Case

By Kingsley Agim



**C**ross River State has once again recorded a major public health milestone the following the successful treatment and discharge of the state's only confirmed case.

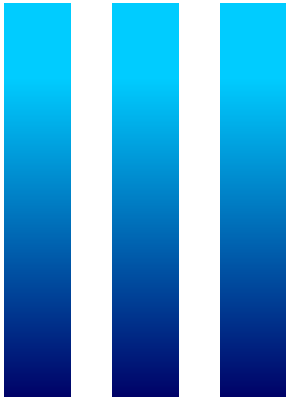
The State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Henry Egbe Ayuk, disclosed that the

lone case was confirmed on April 16, 2026, by the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) at the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital (UCTH) isolation centre.

According to him, the State Government swiftly activated its public health emergency response mechanisms,

including the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), to contain the situation and prevent further spread.

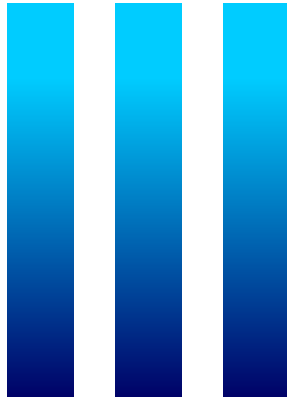
Dr. Ayuk explained that the response, carried out in close collaboration with key partners such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the



NCDC, involved comprehensive contact tracing, line-listing of exposed persons, clinical monitoring, as well as sample collection and testing.

He noted that all identified contacts were closely followed up, and none developed symptoms or tested positive for the virus.

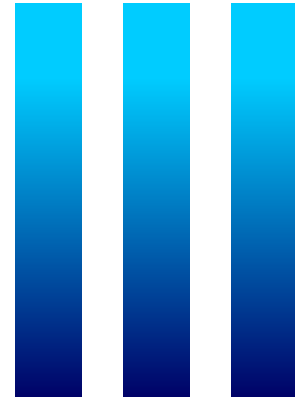
"I am pleased to report that Cross River State is COVID 19 free. On May 1, 2026, the index and only patient was



discharged in excellent health, with a negative COVID 19 test result' he said.

The Commissioner assured residents that the State Public Health Department and the Emergency Operations Centre remain on high alert to promptly detect and respond to any disease of public health concern.

He expressed appreciation to development partners and institutions that supported the



response effort, including UCTH, the Federal Ministry of Health, the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), NCDC, WHO, UNICEF, and others.

Dr. Ayuk also commended Governor Bassey Edet Otu for providing the necessary political will and resources that ensured the effective management of the case.

# South-South Zone's Record Arms Recoveries, Intelligence Successes Excite NCCSALW DG

By Kingsley Agim



The Director General of the National Centre for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (NCCSALW), DIG Johnson Kokumo (rtd), has expressed satisfaction over the outstanding performance of the South-South Zonal Office in intelligence gathering and arms recovery operations.

The commendation was delivered on his behalf, on Monday, by the Director of Policy and Plans, Major General Sani Sulieman, during a two-day working visit to the South-South Zonal Headquarters in Calabar.

The Director General noted that the South-South Zone has distinguished itself as one of the most

effective formations in intelligence-driven operations across the country.

He revealed that the zone has recorded the highest number of arms cache recoveries nationwide over the past three years, describing the feat as a significant contribution to national security.



“It is from this zone that we have recovered the largest number of arms cache in the last three years. The intelligence we receive here is among the most reliable and timely,” he stated.

Kokumo also disclosed that the zone recently played a key role in the arrest of a

long-sought suspect, an operation that has earned the Centre national recognition.

According to him, the South-South Zone remains one of the most responsive across all geopolitical zones, consistently delivering timely and high-quality intelligence outputs.

“The content, quality, and responsiveness from this zone have always been of high standard,” he added.

The Director General attributed the zone’s success to strong leadership, teamwork, and institutional cohesion,



commending the Zonal Director for maintaining discipline and professionalism among personnel.

He acknowledged existing challenges such as funding constraints, infrastructure gaps, and staff welfare concerns, assuring that efforts were

ongoing to address them.

He further disclosed plans to develop a permanent office complex for the zone and strengthen operational facilities, including the zonal armoury, while also working towards gradual regularisation of contract staff to

ensure continuity and institutional memory.

He added that ongoing reforms under the Office of the National Security Adviser would further strengthen the Centre's operational capacity and national reach.



The Director General charged the South-South Zone to sustain its momentum and continue improving efficiency in the fight against illicit small arms and light weapons proliferation.

He rated the zone's overall performance as "very high," stressing that its contributions remain invaluable

to headquarters operations in Abuja.

Earlier, the Zonal Director, Dr. Alex Ebimiebo, welcomed the Director General to the South-South Zone and to Calabar, describing the visit as a strong morale booster and a demonstration of leadership commitment.

He reaffirmed the zone's dedication to

the Centre's mandate of preventing and controlling the proliferation of illicit small arms and light weapons through intelligence gathering and collaboration with sister security agencies, despite operational challenges.



# C'River Adviser Faults Protesters, Urges Road Safety Action

By Kingsley Agim



**T**he Special Adviser to the Governor on Public Utilities, Dr. Jerome Egbe, has faulted protesters over the vandalism of the General Hospital,

Calabar, urging that attention be redirected to road safety concerns following the tragic accident involving students of the University of Cross River State (UNICROSS).

Dr. Egbe made the remarks while joining the Commissioner for Health, Dr. Henry Egbe Ayuk, and his delegation on an on-the-spot assessment of the

facility after the ill-fated protest by UNICROSS students on Monday.

The state government has since condemned the destruction, describing it as avoidable and counterproductive to ongoing efforts to strengthen the health sector.

Expressing condolences to the university community over the tragic accident that claimed the lives of some students, Dr. Egbe said the attack on the hospital was a misdirected response.

“First, let me express my condolences to the management of UNICROSS and the students in

general,” he said. “Even as we condemn the destruction visited on this hospital, government is working hard to recalibrate and strengthen public services.”

Dr. Egbe noted that medical personnel at the General Hospital made genuine efforts to attend to the injured, stressing that no deaths were recorded at the facility.

“We feel deeply pained because the hospital staff tried to do their best. From available reports, no casualties were recorded here. The three persons who died did so at the scene of the accident,” he stated.

He maintained that while citizens have the right to protest, such actions should be properly directed, particularly toward addressing underlying issues such as road safety.

“If there must be protests, attention should be drawn to the condition of the highway. That would make more sense than targeting a hospital where efforts are ongoing to save lives,” he said.

The Special Adviser commended the swift intervention of the health authorities in managing the emergency and



engaging stakeholders to restore calm.

He warned that the destruction of medical infrastructure could have lasting consequences on healthcare delivery across the state.

“What has been destroyed here today will set

back care for patients who depend on this facility. These are services everyone—including the students and their families—may need,” he added.

Dr. Egbe called for restraint and civic responsibility, urging residents, especially young people, to adopt peaceful and

constructive means of expressing grievances.

He reaffirmed the government’s commitment to restoring the damaged facility and strengthening systems to prevent a recurrence.

# C'River Mandates Traceability Registration for Cash Crop Farmers

By Blessing Enagu



**T**he Cross River State Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Development has directed all cocoa, coffee, oil palm, and rubber farmers across the state to participate in an ongoing Traceability

Registration Exercise, describing the initiative as vital for sustaining access to international markets.

In a public announcement signed by the Permanent Secretary, Eld.

Odey Ikongah, the Ministry stated that the exercise is designed to ensure that agricultural produce from Cross River State meets global standards and remains eligible for export.

Ikongah disclosed that trained enumerators have been deployed to farms and communities across all local government areas to carry out the registration process.

He urged farmers to cooperate fully with the officials to ensure seamless data capture. As part of the



requirements, farmers are expected to present a valid means of identification, specifically their National Identification Number (NIN) slip or Voter's Card, at their farms during the exercise. The Ministry warned that failure to provide proper identification could lead to exclusion from the registration, which may in turn affect access to government support programmes and other benefits.

The statement further emphasized that farmers operating within government-owned farm estates must participate fully in the exercise or risk losing their farm allocations. It also highlighted the need for accurate and complete information, noting that such data would determine eligibility for future government interventions.

Reassuring stakeholders, the Permanent Secretary stressed that the

registration process is entirely free of charge.

He cautioned Farmers against making payments to unauthorized individuals claiming to facilitate the exercise and advised them to contact the Director of Agriculture in their respective local government areas or call 08063132448 for inquiries or assistance, farmers have been advised

# Ugep-Idomi Boundary Dispute: C'River Govt Sets Demarcation Timeline



The Cross River State Government has moved to end the lingering boundary dispute between Ugep and Idomi communities in Yakurr Local Government Area, announcing a one-week timeline for the commencement of boundary demarcation.

The state government reaffirmed its

commitment to a fair, transparent and lasting resolution of the crisis, stressing that peace remains critical to sustainable development.

The decision followed a peace meeting held, Monday, at Government House, Calabar, presided over by the Deputy Governor and Chairman of the State Boundary Committee, SBC,

Rt. Hon. Peter Odey.

Commending both communities for their peaceful disposition, Odey described their willingness to embrace dialogue as a strong signal of their commitment to coexistence.

The meeting had in attendance the Chairman of Yakurr Local Government

Council, the Paramount Ruler of Yakurr, the Clan Head of Idomi, the State Security Adviser, the Surveyor-General, among other stakeholders.

Briefing journalists on the outcome, government said the Surveyor-General, alongside the State Security Adviser, the Council Chairman and representatives of both communities, would move to the disputed area within one week to carry out a physical demarcation exercise.

Each of the communities, it said, is expected to nominate five chiefs to participate in the exercise, which will be guided by

mutually agreed traditional boundary alignments.

Stakeholders were also directed to submit all relevant documents supporting their claims to the Office of the Secretary to the State Government before the exercise begins.

According to the government, the Surveyor-General and his team are to submit a report within one week after the exercise, to be followed by a review meeting at Government House to finalise the boundary.

It warned that any breach of peace would not be tolerated, urging community leaders to sensitise residents, particularly youths, women and elders,

on the need for restraint.

The Paramount Ruler and clan heads, it added, would be held accountable for maintaining law and order, while the Council Chairman has been mandated to ensure security in collaboration with relevant agencies.

Odey, however, stressed the need for unity and cooperation, noting that both communities have coexisted peacefully over the years and must work together to sustain that legacy.



# CROSS RIVER STATE POLICE COMMAND

PHONE NUMBERS OF AREA COMMANDERS AND DPO'S

## METRO AREA COMMAND

- A. AC METRO 08067048008
1. A Div 08112991880
  2. ATAKPA 08034209444
  3. AKIM 08067339179
  4. UWANSE 08033484633
  5. BAKASSI 07069940045
  6. EFUT 08037977274
  7. AKPABUYO 08037471948

## TINAPA AREA COMMAND

- B. AC TINAPA 08131818072
1. FEDERAL HOUSING 07066154444
  2. STATE HOUSING 08037524835
  3. IKOT OMIN 08160381754
  4. EPZ 08068559326
  5. B DIV 08067836028

## AKAMKPA AREA COMMAND

- C. AC AKAMKPA 07063753411
1. AKAMKPA 07061494470
  2. BIASE 07031988044
  3. ODUKPANI 08182054218
  4. UYANGA 07034456931
  5. OLD NETIM 08065622335
  6. ABANWAN-EREI 08037972405
  7. BIAKPAN **08068114360**

## UGEP AREA COMMAND

- D. AC UGEP 08034414048
1. YAKUUR 08063303749
  2. OBUBRA 08056506652
  3. APIAPIUM 09064110181
  4. ABI 08039549639
  5. EKORI 08036685409
  6. NKO 08123827103

## IKOM AREA COMMAND

- E. AC IKOM 08038229270
1. IKOM 08068061867
  2. BOKI 08067440813
  3. ETUNG 08065695408
  4. BATERIKO 08063403675

## OGOJA AREA COMMAND

- F. AC OGOJA 08035909911
1. OGOJA 07032637876
  2. BEKWARRA 08032772033
  3. YALA 08161885753
  4. OBANLIKU 07089873913
  5. OBUDU 08037940576

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23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2026

## PRESS RELEASE

### **SUSPENSION OF ALL SCRAP-RELATED ACTIVITIES IN CROSS RIVER STATE**


The Cross River State Government expresses grave concern over the alarming rise in vandalism, theft, and the destruction of public infrastructure and private property across Cross River State. Critical assets, including public utilities, road installations, and essential community facilities, have been deliberately targeted, resulting in service disruptions, economic losses, and heightened threats to public safety.

Investigations and security reports have established a direct nexus between these destructive acts and the activities of scrap dealers, scavengers, and their agents operating within the State.

Given the urgency and severity of the situation, His Excellency, the Governor of Cross River State, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Bassey Otu, has directed the immediate review of all laws, policies, and regulatory frameworks governing scrap-related activities in the State and as an urgent interim measure to halt further damage, restore order, and safeguard State and private assets, His Excellency has further approved the immediate suspension of all scrap-related activities in Cross River State for an initial period of 6 (six) months.

This suspension applies comprehensively to all forms of scrap dealing, including but not limited to trading, scavenging, transportation, and any related operations within, into, or out of the State. Any individual, group, or entity found in violation of this directive shall be dealt with in accordance with the law and

 **Office of the Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice Cross River State**

 Ministry of Justice, New Secretariat Complex,  
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shall face the full force of legal sanctions. All law enforcement bodies and relevant security agencies are hereby mandated to ensure strict compliance and enforcement without exception.

The Cross River State Government remains resolute in its duty to protect public infrastructure, defend private property, and ensure that residents feel safe and secure. These measures are necessary to prevent further sabotage of critical assets and to maintain public confidence.

The full cooperation of all residents, stakeholders, and lawful business operators is expected and appreciated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping, sweeping strokes that form a stylized, elongated shape.

**Ededem Charles Ani, Esq.**  
Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice



16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

This is to notify the general public that the recently Inaugurated Cross River State Planning and Development Control Enforcement Team has commenced the enforcement of compliance with town planning and development control laws across the State.

To this end, all property owners, developers and contractors are required to make available their duly approved building plans issued by the State Ministry of Lands, Town and Urban Planning at all ongoing and completed project sites.

Likewise, persons who have developed and are occupying government land without proper documentation and approval, are advised to do so forthwith.

Any development without approved plans, or failure to present same upon request, will attract penalties including stop-work orders, fines and possible demolition.

The public is thereby enjoined to cooperate with enforcement officers in the interest of orderly, safe and sustainable urban development.

**Akiba .E. Akiba**  
Chairman,  
Cross River State Planning & Dev. Control





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**HEAD OF SERVICE CIRCULAR NO. 1/2026**

**PAYROLL AUDIT, CREDENTIALS/PROGRESSION VERIFICATION FOR SERVING OFFICERS AND PENSION VERIFICATION FOR PENSIONERS**

The attention of all Civil Servants in the State Public/ Civil Service is hereby drawn to the approval of His Excellency, the Governor of Cross River State, authorising the Office of the Head of Service to conduct a comprehensive Payroll Audit and Pensioners Verification for the State Public Service.

The exercise is aimed at:

- Ensuring the integrity and accuracy of the State payroll.
- Verifying Staff credentials, appointments, promotions and progression records.
- Eliminating payroll irregularities and strengthening personnel management systems.

The Payroll Audit will be conducted simultaneously with Credentials and Career Progression Verification for serving officers. While a Pension Verification Exercise will be carried out for pensioners. The Nigerian Union of Pensioners (NUP) is hereby notified accordingly.

All serving officers are directed to immediately collate and present copies of their service records to the administrative heads of their MDAs, but not limited to:

- Letter of First Appointment
- Letter of confirmation of appointment
- All Promotion Letters up to current grade level
- All Educational Certificates used in the course of service
- Any other official personnel records as may be required

Further details on the schedule, modalities and documentation requirements for the exercise will be communicated in due course.

  
**Orók Bassey Oken**  
Head of Service





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- 1** Obtain an Application Form at CRGIA's Office, Old Secretariat Road, Off Murtala Mohammed Highway, Calabar, Cross River State
- 2** Submit Application Form with Required Documents  
Fill and submit the form along with necessary documents, e.g. Registered Title Document, survey plan, identification, etc.
- 3** Assessment and Payment of Fees.  
The office will assess applicable charges, registration fees, processing fees, etc. Make the required payment.
- 4** Inspection and Publication (for private land)  
Property is inspected by LUAC officials  
Notice of application is published for 21 days to allow for objections.  
After clearance, Governor's Approval in Principle is obtained.
- 5** C of O (Certificate of Occupancy) Engrossment and Signing  
The Certificate of Occupancy is prepared (engrossed) and signed by the Governor or delegated authority.
- 6** Registration and Delivery  
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